

Remarks

This paper is responsive to a telephone call placed by the Examiner to the Applicant's attorney. According to the Examiner, this application contains claims directed to three patentably-distinct inventions. In particular, the Examiner stated that the claims were to be restricted as follows: Group I: claims 1-7; Group II: claims 8-15; and Group III: claims 16-22.

Applicant proposed amending claim 16 to overcome the rejection as between Group II and Group III claims. Amended claim 16 recites, in pertinent part:

detecting **electromagnetic radiation that is emitted**
when a target event **occurs, wherein said target event**
is triggered by said reagent.

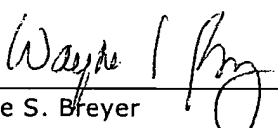
This language more closely tracks the subject matter recited in claim 8.

The Examiner indicated that if claim 16 were amended as proposed, that he would withdraw the restriction as between Groups II and III. Applicant hereby amends claims 16 as proposed, and cancels claims 1-7 without prejudice.

Respectfully,

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